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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0113.00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Renato CARETTA) Confirmation No.: 5883
Application Serial No. 10/025,787) Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: December 26, 2001) Examiner: Mathieu D. Vargot
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR MOULDING AND CURING)
TYRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY


According to our records, the PTO sent an Office Action on October 15, 2004. The October 15, 2004 Office Action was erroneously issued in the above-identified application. Applicant, through counsel, promptly notified the Examiner about the incorrect Office Action. Subsequent to that initial communication, Applicant, through counsel, has requested the issuance of a new Office Action on at least five occasions. Mostly recently, on June 22, 2007, the Examiner stated that an Office Action would be issued by the "end of the month." However, we have not received any Office Action since October 15, 2004.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 9, 2007

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